

BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

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Chief Public Health Inspector

for the year

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Chippenham.

Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,


I have the honour to present a report of the work carried out in the
Department in 1973.

The North Wiltshire District Council assumes responsibility for this
area on 1 April 1974; Mr A E Eames your Chief Public Health Inspector
since 1 January 1967, was appointed Chief Environmental Health Officer to
this new Authority, and took up his appointment on 1 November 1973. For
these reasons, this Report is mainly limited to the tables and other
statistics needed to conform to statutory requirements.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

C W PITMAN

Acting Chief Public Health Inspector



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEY OF THE DISTRICT

The first table sets out the number of visits made by your inspectors during the year, as follows:-

TABLE I Summary of Inspections and other visits to premises

Atmospheric Pollution	100
Caravan Sites	20
Drainage	236
Factories	19
Food premises, including Licensed Premises	284
Housing	997
Housing (Multiple Occupation)	23
Infectious Diseases	36
Milk Distribution and Dairies	86
Mobile Shops and Market Stalls	66
Noise Abatement	136
Offices and Shops	156
Pest and Rodent Control (excluding those visits made by the operative)	52
Public Health General (including Nuisances)	235
Sampling of Food	100
Slaughterhouses (including resident inspectors)	997
Swimming Pools	41
Water Supply and Sampling	243
Miscellaneous	140
Food Poisoning	47
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As a result of these visits, 452 Formal or Informal Notices were complied with during the year.

HOUSING STATISTICS 1973A. Provision of an adequate supply of new housesTABLE II Number of new houses and flats completed

	1973	1972	1971	1970	Average last 10 years
a) By local authority	32	-	46	12	71
b) By private enterprise	35	72	58	44	73
TOTAL:	67	72	104	56	144

TABLE III Number of applicants on housing list

	1973	1972	1971	1970	Average last 10 years
a) Number of applicants on general list *	282+	223	163	223	174
b) Applicants for aged persons' accommodation	142	141	117	87	89
TOTAL:	424	364	280	310	263

* Figures only available to 31st October 1973

+ This figure does not include applicants who have already been selected for tenancies.

TABLE IV Stock of Houses

	1973	1972	1971	Average last 10 years
Estimated net gain or loss in the number of dwellings after allowance has been made for those demolished or no longer used for habitation	+109	+58	+55	+62
Total expressed as % of the Housing Stock	+1.05	+0.9	+0.8	+1.04

During the year a further 38 tenants of Council Houses took advantage of the Council's House Purchase Scheme to purchase their properties.

Thirty two local authority flats at Wood Lane were completed during the year. In the private sector development continued at Derriads Park and work on two other sites at Hill Corner Road (8 houses) and Picket Leaze (29 houses) was commenced during the year; infilling on other small sites also continued.

B. The Maintenance, Repair and Improvement of the Stock of Older Houses

TABLE V Inspection of Dwellings

a)	Inspected for housing defects	271
b)	Number of dwellings found to be unfit for human habitation	13
c)	Number of dwellings found to be not in all respects fit for habitation	88
d)	Number of dwellings made fit in consequence of informal action	189
e)	Number of dwellings made fit in consequence of Statutory Action under Sections 9 & 16 of the Housing Act 1957 or the Public Health Act 1936	2
f)	Number of other houses in which defects were remedied	40

TABLE VI Houses in Multiple Occupation

a)	Number of households in multiple occupation	43
b)	Number of inspections	23
c)	Number of Notices served:	
i)	To make good neglect of proper standards	1
ii)	To require additional services or facilities	4
iii)	Direction on overcrowding	1
iv)	Number of control orders made	NIL

TABLE VII Improvement of Houses

Number of Enquiries - 73

Standard Grants

Applications		
Received	Approved	Completed
8	6	11

Discretionary Grants

Applications		Total Cost	Total	House Improvements Completed	
Received	Approved	of Works	Grant Aid	No	Amount of Grant
31	30	£72,446	£26,027	29	£20,720

AVERAGE GRANT - £867

General Improvement Areas - The Butts General Improvement Area

Most of the properties regarded as unfit for human habitation in this area have been dealt with, either in accordance with Part II Housing Act 1957, or informally being purchased by the Council by agreement with the owners. Discretionary grants were approved for schemes involving improvement of three dwellings and by the end of the year it was apparent that discussions with owners would result in preparation of schemes for improvements at an encouraging number of properties.

The Council has undertaken the rehabilitation of a building acquired under a Compulsory Purchase Order, and the redevelopment of the remainder of the site is to commence shortly. Construction of grouped accommodation on another vacant site in the area will commence early in 1974, together with infilling at a vacant plot in The Causeway.

Maintenance, Repair and Improvement

The good progress referred to in last year's Annual Report has been maintained.

C. CLEARANCE OF UNFIT DWELLINGS

TABLE VIII Proceedings under Sections 16 & 23 Housing Act 1957

1.	Number of Demolition Orders made	11
2.	Number of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders	12
3.	Number of Local Authority houses demolished	5
4.	Number of Closing Orders made or undertakings accepted	11
5.	Number of families rehoused	15
6.	Number of persons rehoused	26

Proceedings under Section 42 Housing Act 1957

1.	Number of houses demolished as a result of Clearance Area Procedure	NIL
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D. HOUSING ACT 1969 PART III

Rent of dwellings in good repair and provided with Standard Amenities

TABLE IX

	Applications		
	Received	Granted	Refused
Qualification Certificates	-	11	-
Certificates of Provisional Approval	2	2	-

No Certificates of Disrepair were issued under the Rent Act 1957.

Overcrowding

No. of complaints alleging overcrowding	4
No. of cases where statutory overcrowding is present	2

TABLE X Movable Dwellings

Private Licensed Sites

Ladyfield Nurseries	1
52 Lowden	1
51 Hill Corner Road	1
95 Greenway Lane	1

Council Owned Sites

Southmead	1
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Sites Exempt from Licensing requirements

67 Hill Corner Road	2
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Caravan Sites

One private site for a single caravan was established during the year, together with temporary consents for occupation of single caravans on one site during the period of construction of a permanent dwelling.

Gypsies and Other Travellers

Itinerant Travellers parked on eight occasions on vacant land adjoining Hungerdown Lane, and twice on the Bristol Road car park; in each case informal action was successful in securing their departure, and redevelopment at Hungerdown Lane will eliminate the problems associated with the misuse of this site.

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

1) Registration and General Inspection

TABLE XI

Class of Premises	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	Registered premises receiving one or more general inspection during the year
Offices	6	85	10
Retail Shops	9	139	16
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	6	2
Catering Establishments open to the public and Canteens	1	17	8
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
	16	247	36

2) Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) - 154

3) Analysis by workplace of persons employed in registered premises at end of year:-

TABLE XII

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	1,040
Retail Shops	801
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	124
Catering Establishments open to the Public	136
Fuel Storage Depots	-
Canteens	7
	2,108
Total Males:	1,210
Total Females:	898

4) Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 51(1) of the Act :

- 4 Public Health Inspectors

5) Analysis of Contraventions

TABLE XIII

Section	Contraventions	No. Found
4	Cleanliness	4
6	Temperature	5
7	Ventilation	10
8	Lighting	12
9	Sanitary Conveniences	9
10	Washing Facilities	4
12	Clothing Accommodation	1
15	Eating Facilities	1
16	Floors, Passages and Stairs	7
17	Fencing exposed parts of Machinery	1
24	First Aid	2
	Other matters	4
	Total:	60

6) Reported Accidents

TABLE XIV

Workplace	No. reported Non-Fatal	Total Number Investigated	Action Recommended		
			Formal Warning	Informal Advice	No Action
Offices	4	4	-	4	-
Retail Shops	14	14	-	14	-
Other	1	1	-	1	-
Total:	19	19	-	19	-

Analysis of Reported Accidents

TABLE XV

	Retail Shops	Offices	Wholesale Warehouses
Falls of Persons	2	3	-
Handling Goods	3	1	-
Transport	1	-	-
Hand Tools *	9	-	-
Total:	15	4	-

* Knife Cuts

7) Factories Act 1961

Only part of this Act is administered by local authorities, the main provisions being the responsibility of Her Majesty's Inspector of Factories.

TABLE XVI Inspections for Provisions to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1) Factories in which Sec.1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	2	1	-	-
2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the local authorities	68	19	11	-
3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	2	-	-
	72	22	11	-

TABLE XVII Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To HMI	From HMI	
Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6	-	-	-	-	-
Sec. 7 Sanitary Conveniences					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences	2	2	-	-	-

TABLE XVIII Outworkers - Section 133

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec.133(1)c	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failing to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises
Wearing Apparel (Making)	NIL	-	-	-

Outworkers - Section 134

Notices Served - NIL
Prosecutions - NIL

PEST CONTROL

An additional rodent operator is shared jointly with Calne and Chippenham Rural District Council. The sewerage systems are treated regularly in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Infestation Control Division). A service is made available to occupiers of domestic and business premises and it is now possible to undertake area surveys, followed where necessary, but the appropriate pest control treatment.

TABLE XIX

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in the district	7,952	8
2. a) Total number of properties inspected following notification	172	1
b) Number infested by i) Rats	68	1
ii) Mice	61	-
3. Total number of properties inspected for Rats and Mice for reasons other than notification	480	2
4. Number infested by i) Rats	36	1
ii) Mice	20	-

Insect Pests

Advice and assistance is available, in response to enquiries which have concerned the presence of carpet beetles, cluster flies, fleas, ants and mites.

Feral Pigeons

Owners of properties are encouraged and advised on methods of reducing flocks, including works to discourage pigeon infestation.

Rabbits

It is the responsibility of individual owners to control infestations on their land and during the year a number of treatments were carried out on corporate property; the speed and regularity of re-infestation indicates the need for repeated attention to this problem.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat Inspection

The programme of improvements at the Bacon Factory was substantially completed by late 1973, but major reconstruction and provision of a mechanical slaughtering line still stands deferred.

Due to proposed Central Area Redevelopment Scheme and need for possession of the site, River Street Slaughterhouse closed at the end of September 1973 and was subsequently demolished. There is no longer a general slaughterhouse in Chippenham, all butchers' shops being supplied by wholesalers from elsewhere.

TABLE XX Number of Animals Slaughtered

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Wiltshire Bacon Company	-	-	-	81,026	81,026
River Street Slaughterhouse	781	6	851	-	1,638
Totals:	781	6	851	81,026	82,664

TABLE XXI Carcases and Offal inspected and details of condemnation

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	781	6	851	81,026
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>				
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	130
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	145	-	92	4,830
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	18.7	-	10.8	6.18
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	150
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	0.18
<u>Cysticercosis</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Cysticercosis	0.25	-	-	-

Cysticercus Bovis

3 cases of Cysticercus Bovis were found during the year.

TABLE XXII Analysis of Causes of Condemnation

a) Carcasses

Principal Grounds	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Extensive Bruising or Injuries	-	-	-	7	7
Emaciation	-	-	-	6	6
Oedema	-	-	-	7	7
Jaundice	-	-	-	3	3
Abnormal Odour	-	-	-	1	1
Acute or Septic Pleurisy	-	-	-	6	6
Acute or Septic Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	1
Acute or Septic Peritonitis	-	-	-	8	8
Pyæmia	1	-	-	6	7
Septicaemia	-	-	-	25	25
Generalised Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1	1
Imperfect Bleeding	-	-	-	9	9
Totals:	1	-	-	130	131

b) Part Carcasses

Principal Grounds	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abcesses F/Qr, Incl. Head	-	-	-	359	359
Abcesses H/Qr.	-	-	-	496	496
Arthritis	-	-	-	324	324
Bruising	-	-	-	671	671
Erythema	-	-	-	206	206
Corynebacterium equi	-	-	-	850	850
Tuberculosis (almost certainly Avian)	-	-	-	156	156
Pleurisy (diaphragm)	-	-	-	931	931
Peritonitis (flecks)	-	-	-	931	931
Totals:	-	-	-	4,924	4,924

TABLE XXIII

c) Edible Offal

Principal Grounds	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
<u>Lungs</u> (Complete)					
Pneumonia	5	-	9	4,358	4,372
Pleurisy	-	-	-	2,340	2,340
Other	-	-	-	150	150
Totals:	5	-	9	6,848	6,862
<u>Hearts</u>					
Cysticercus Bovis	2	-	-	-	2
Cysticercus Ovis	-	-	-	-	-
Pericarditis, etc	-	-	2	2,443	2,445
Totals:	2	-	2	2,443	2,447
<u>Livers</u>					
Abcesses	27	-	-	-	27
Cirrhosis (Parasitic)	-	-	-	3,475	3,475
Cirrhosis (Other)	-	-	-	41	41
Fascioliasis	58	-	77	-	135
Peritonitis	-	-	-	1,445	1,445
Other	-	-	-	230	230
Totals:	85	-	77	5,191	5,353

Part Livers						
Fascioliasis	Totals:	32	N.R*	N.R*	N.R*	32

N.R* Not Recorded

The incidence of liver fluke at 11.52% emphasises again the risk of human infection which is capable of transmission following consumption of wild watercress carrying the cystic stage of the fluke as a result of contamination by affected animals.

Weight of Meat and Offal Condemned at Slaughterhouses

42 tons 11 cwts 3 lbs

OTHER FOODS

TABLE XXIV Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned at Wholesale or Retail Premises

	Tons	Cwts	Lbs
Meat, including Bacon			101
Cooked Meats }		3	38
Canned Goods }			
Other Foods }		7	100
Frozen Foods }			
Total:	-	12	15

In addition, a quantity of substandard canned goods were withdrawn from sale and dealt with through trade channels.

Disposal of Condemned Food

All condemned meat and offal from the two slaughterhouses is collected by specialist processing contractors for conversion into animal feeding stuffs and fertilisers, at plants located outside Chippenham. Stringent regulations introduced last year have resulted in closer control of this material.

The remainder of the condemned food was collected and destroyed at the Council's Tip.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

19 persons were licensed to slaughter animals by the use of approved equipment. New applicants are interviewed, the provisions of the Act carefully explained, and they are all required to serve a probationary period working under supervision.

All animals are slaughtered by humane methods, and regular checks are made to ensure that the requirements of the Act and Regulations are complied with, including the handling of pigs as they are unloaded from the transporter lorries.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

TABLE XXV

	Notices Served
Part II General Requirements	5
Part III Requirements relating to persons engaged in the handling of food	6
Part IV Requirements relating to food premises	29
	40

TABLE XXVI

Type of Business	No	Estimated number fitted to comply with Reg.18 W.H.B.	Estimated number where Reg.21 applies Food/Equip.	Estimated number fitted to comply with Reg.21
Grocers (Including S/Markets)	35	35	37	37
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	17	17	17	17
Canteens, Industrial (Less FWW)	5	6	6	6
Bakers and Confectioners (Less Christofer Bell)	6	8	8	8
Fish Fryers	6	6	6	6
Butchers (Including S/Markets)	19	16	16	16
Licensed Premises	43	41	41	41
Sweets and Sugar Confectionary	10	12	12	12
Fruit and Vegetables	8	8	8	8
Fishmongers	3	4	4	4
Dairies	2	3	3	3

Note: In a number of the older smaller premises washing facilities required under Regulations 18 and 21 may be sited in and utilised in conjunction with the adjoining living accommodation.

It is the practice in all new premises, and wherever practicable in the older premises, to ensure that separate facilities are provided adjoining the preparation areas.

Food Premises Registered by the Local Authority

Preparation or manufacture of specified foods	22
Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	3
Sale and Storage of Ice Cream	63

Mobile Vehicles and Stalls

Notices requiring structural and other alterations to vehicles retailing in Chippenham - 4.

The General Market has been re-sited in Emery Lane, where better facilities for the food stalls, and improved working and sanitary facilities for stall holders are approaching completion.

Consumer Complaints Regarding Food

TABLE XXVII Analysis of Complaints

Type of Food Implicated		Nature of Complaint	
Meat Products	13	Out of Condition	19
Bread	5	Mould	5
Confectionery and Cakes	6	Foreign Body	7
Fish	1	Other Complaints	5
Butter/Cheese	-		
Canned/Bottled Products	7		
Other Foods	4		
Total:	36	Total:	36

Legal proceedings were taken in one case:-

Food and Drugs Act 1955, Section 2. £10 + £10 costs.

Food Hygiene

Changing patterns of processing, packing and retailing inevitably produce new problems, and the high pressure sales orientated management might overlook the need to establish hygienic criteria for handling products. Dairy products need refrigeration; it is no use bulk buying if you cannot store and handle the produce correctly, and retail managers may have little say in the setting of their quotas. Many national companies are employing Public Health Inspectors as their Hygiene Advisers, and this practice is to be commended.

Milk and Dairies

Raw milk is no longer retailed within the Borough. Despite the Brucellosis eradication scheme it will be a number of years before this hazard is eliminated from our milk supply, and until then heat treatment by pasteurisation or sterilisation is the only safeguard.

TABLE XXVIII

Number of Registered Dairies	-
Number of Registered Distributors	
a) Obtaining milk from heat treatment plants within Wilts	14
b) Obtaining milk from heat treatment plants outside Wilts	17
Number of Distributors dealing in untreated milk	1 (bulk only)
Number of Registered Distributors	24
Number of Dealers (Pre-packed Licence)	24

Bacteriological Examination

Analysis of Samples - Public Health Laboratory, Bath

TABLE XXIX

Type of Milk	No. of Samples	M/B Test		Phosphatase		Turbidity		Colony Count	
		Sat	Fail	Sat	Fail	Sat	Fail	Sat	Fail
Untreated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pasteurised	48	31	16void 1fail	42	6	-	-	-	-
Ultra Heat Treated	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
Sterilised	8	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-
Pasteurised C.I.	4	2	2void	4	-	-	-	-	-
Pasteurised (Homogenised)	7	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	82	40	19	53	6	8	-	15	-

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing plants within the district.

Imported Food Regulations

During the year a quantity of imported food was received in containers which had not been cleared by the Port Health Authorities. Notifications were received from the Port Health Inspectors concerned, and arrangements made to examine the consignments prior to release for distribution. Included in these consignments were quantities of powdered chicken meat, and bacteriological examination confirmed that they had been correctly processed.

Ice Cream

The standards for ice cream are not mandatory, but successive failures in Grades III/IV are a matter for considerable concern, and any increase in the number of pre-packed samples falling into Grade II could also be held to indicate a lowering of standards somewhere in the handling of the product. Generally the results this year are considered satisfactory.

TABLE XXX

Results of Bacteriological Examination of Ice Cream

Grade	Type of Ice Cream			%
	Soft	Other	Total	
I	15	26	41	74
II	-	1	1	1.8
III	6	3	9	16.3
IV	4	-	4	7.3
Total:	25	30	55	

Bacteriological Sampling of Other Foods

A limited programme was carried out in part of the year, the number of samples submitted for laboratory examination being 28.

WATER SUPPLY

The water is supplied to Chippenham by the North Wiltshire Water Board and is normally drawn from boreholes at Rodbourne, Charlton and Chippenham, and the sampling programme is designed to cover each supply.

Installation by the North Wiltshire Water Board of improved chlorination equipment accounts for the small number of samples now failing to indicate the presence of residual chlorine .

TABLE XXXI

	Satisfactory	Coliform Organisms	Total	Residual Chlorine Present	
				Yes	No
Mains Supply	208	29	237	198	10
Private Bores	18	3	21	18	NIL
Total:	226	32	258	216	10

Presence of Lead

Lead appears to have been little used on domestic supply systems, except in the 1930's when short lengths were used to connect to gas water heaters, etc.

The supplies of water to Chippenham are not actively plumbosolvent, and there is no evidence of any hazard to consumers.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Domestic Pollution

In a small number of cases, dark smoke has been emitted from dwellings, and was found to be due to the use of unsuitable fuel; the changing situation concerning fuel costs and availability is likely to be reflected in the incidence of atmospheric pollution, against which future policies regarding smoke control areas will need to be determined.

Industrial and Commercial Pollution

During the year 100 visits were made in connection with these duties, and obsolete plant, incinerators, and the disposal of waste products and trade refuse, were again the main causes of complaint.

TABLE XXXII

Clean Air Act 1956/68

a)	Number of contraventions - Dark or excessive smoke emissions	29
b)	<u>New Installations</u>	
	i) Number of notifications	7
	ii) Applications for prior approval	1
	iii) Alterations required	1
	iv) Number of applications granted	1
c)	<u>Grit or Dust</u>	
	i) Number of contraventions	1
	ii) Arrestment plant	-
	iii) Exemptions	-
	iv) Directions re measurement	-
d)	<u>Chimney Heights</u>	
	i) Number of applications	1
	ii) Alterations required	1
	iii) Number approved	1
	iv) Number dealt with in accordance with Part I Building Regulations	3

Alkali Etc. Works Regulations Act 1906

There are a number of scheduled processes in the town, and these works are subject to the technical control of the Alkali Works Inspector, due to the complexity of the processes concerned.

The department co-operates closely with the Alkali Works Inspector, and a monitoring programme has been established to ensure that there are no excessive emissions of toxic materials, and what is increasingly becoming more important, no build up of these materials in the soil.

Little is known about the distribution of these products in the environment, or the long term effects on the Ecology, and the original programme now includes examination for the presence of Cadmium.

Pollution from Road Vehicles

It is becoming clear that road vehicles may well replace the domestic chimney as the main source of pollution at low level within the next decade, and it is to be hoped that both designers and users will give more thought to this aspect of the design of the vehicle. In addition to performance figures, we should see the rated output of pollutants under normal running conditions.

NOISE

The siting of a fun fair on County Council land in close proximity to houses produced immediate complaints from the occupiers. Although the proprietors were unwilling to transfer their operations to an alternative site made available by the Borough Council, they agreed to re-position their mobile generators, and to accept limitations upon loudspeaker volume and hours of operation. The opportunity was taken to conduct a noise survey in the locality, and useful information concerning the effect of this type of activity upon ambient noise levels was obtained.

TABLE XXXIII

Number of complaints received	40
Number of complaints investigated	40
Number of nuisances confirmed:	
Industrial/Commercial	2
Road works/construction sites	26
Domestic premises	2
Ice cream vans	-
Statutory undertakers	6
Traffic noise	-
Other	4
Number of nuisances remedied	40

SWIMMING POOL

The open air swimming pool and paddling pool at Monkton Park are visited weekly during the season, and samples were taken to check levels of free chlorine and the pH of the water. The following table summarises the results:-

	<u>Swimming Pool</u>	<u>Children's Pool</u>
Average Readings:	Chlorine 0.9 ppm	Chlorine 1.3 ppm
	pH 7.2 ppm	pH 7.2 ppm

The clarity of the water was generally excellent, although during exceptionally heavy use it was necessary to run the circulation pumps continually day and night to maintain standards.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

36 visits of enquiry were made in connection with infectious diseases and intestinal infections. All too frequently however the time lag between onset and notification made it difficult to pinpoint the source, particularly where isolated cases were concerned.

With the growth of air travel and foreign holidays it is essential that food handlers affected by stomach upsets whilst holidaying in the Mediterranean area check with their doctor on return, before recommencing work.

A Disinfecting Station is maintained at Frogwell Hospital by this Department in a state of constant readiness. The capital and running costs are shared on a population basis by five authorities in the area.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

No premises are now included under this Order.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

2 pet shops were licensed, and both premises have been satisfactorily maintained.

AGRICULTURE, (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT 1956

As an urban authority this has only limited application in the Borough.

DRAINAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year 164 sewers and drains were found to be choked or otherwise defective, and 236 visits were made in connection with remedial work.

The group of properties in Patterdown, not provided with main drainage, have been connected to the town's Sewerage System. Of the three remaining domestic properties known to be still outside the system, arrangements have been made for one to be connected with adjoining development, and I am hopeful that the other two properties will be similarly served in the near future.

